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### 'Learning how to write will help my work'

**USAID is helping Afghans learn the skills necessary to rebuild Afghanistan**



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— Behroz Fazelpoor, Structural Engineer

Behroz Fazelpoor is a structural engineer. But of late, he's been thinking less about the laws of physics and more about the structural code of communication. Behroz has been attending a technical writing workshop that's aimed at helping highly-skilled Afghans communicate easily and effectively in order to get the job done.

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He is not alone in his newfound appreciation of good communication skills. Shabir Ahmadyar, an electrical engineer, says the program was exceedingly helpful. "It will be very useful in my career," says Shabir.

The course is part of USAID's overall strategy to help Afghans help themselves in the run-up to transition. The technical writing course covers topics relating to infrastructure design and construction and also teaches the basics of formatting, writing style and translation.

Such courses are part of a continuing program to assist Afghanistan with transition.